Importance of Priorities

The participants were randomly divided into eight groups, one group to discuss each priority statement. The following are the brainstormed lists generated by each of the groups, concluding with the five or six statements the groups found of the highest importance.

Security of people and property

Brainstormed List

- Patrol on a regular basis, visible, responsive and courteous
- Police and Fire as first responders
- Police to respect youth
- Police to be able to accurately perceive when they need to intervene
- Police and Fire professionalism is evident
- Foster interaction outside of emergency situations, i.e. at schools, in neighborhoods—relationship with community is important
- Code enforcement, staff doesn't do enough
- Weed and vegetation control to maintain safety street sweeping
- Physical signs in the community to show somebody cares about community, no barbed wire
- Security, responsiveness
- Community maintained
- Traffic enforcement evident
- Traffic calming—helps improve safety in neighborhoods

Most important aspects chosen by group

- Police visible, responsive, professional and respectful of all citizens
- Maintenance of a good relationship is a top priority (in schools, neighborhood organizations)
- Code enforcement evident
- The community looks like people care about it – streets swept, weeds controlled
- Focus is on safe streets – traffic laws are enforced and streets designed to slow traffic (traffic calming)

Mobility of people and goods

Brainstormed List

- Excellent protective services; public safety, police, fire, funded acceptable to industry standards
- SRO program
- Well-maintained public infrastructure including physical and human assets
- Preserve and grow open space
- Every action taken by the City to be environmentally conscientious
- City to think of more innovative ways to deliver services, e.g. ways to leverage additional dollars
- City to consider alternative methods of providing administrative services, e.g. IT
- Reductions where appropriate
- Government to work in some similar ways as private business
- Account for our human capital
- Redmond to be attractive to business
- Transportation system support business and allow a green and healthy community—moving people and good efficiently
- Action on all of these issues soon!

Most important aspects chosen by group

- Mobility
- High Capacity Transit
- Pedestrian
- Internal
- Regional

Utility services

Brainstormed List
- Wellhead protection, water purity, safeguarding of water supply
- Something (MTBE) to not be close to water supply
- Additives to treat water CL vs. hypochlorite
- Enforcement of weak car washing, etc
- Development and impervious surfaces, maximizing pervious-ness
- Cost of purchasing water, regional agreements
- Sustainability of water supply
- City to consider how ready we are to accommodate pollution increases
- City to be proactive on water management through conservation
- Proactive encouragement of conservation
- Gradual rate increase, invest now for the future
- Changes in code to reflect individual household usage
- Utility protection and (response to) global warming
- City to address changes in the sea level in the future—worried about global warming
- Flood prevention and protection of the Sammamish River
- Up-to-date on science; protection, physical, chemical, geographical
- Garbage collection and important recycling
- Recycling of food wastes—it's good
- Back-up generator to ensure sewage flow in the event of an emergency

Most important aspects chosen by group
- Ensuring sustainability of water supply
  - future population
  - proactive management through conservation
- Utility rates – gradual increases acceptable, invest now for the future
- Global Warming impact on flooding
  - Keep up to date on science, chemistry and geography
- Garbage collection and recycling are important (new food waste bins are good)
- Good to have back up generators, in case of emergency

Recreation opportunities
- Parks are a vital element to the Redmond community
- Add to quality of life, serving all areas of city
- Provide visual relief for high density development
- Parks allow a relief valve, providing recreational opportunities
- Opportunity for wildlife
- Diversity for all needs and people
- Look for opportunities to share resources and have measurable results
- Parks are a vital resource
- Maintain for long term
- Role of active and passive recreation relative to increasing urbanization
- Opportunity for community gatherings
- Important to preserve natural areas within a developed city

Most important aspects chosen by group
- Parks are a vital element to the Redmond community – add greatly to quality of life, serving all areas of the city
- Sustainability of Parks as a vital resource, need to be maintained for the long term
  - Look for opportunities to share resources, costs have measurable results
- Important role of active and passive recreation relative to increasing urbanization
- Diversity for all needs and people

Sustainable and vibrant economy
- Senior activities
- Accessible services to trails and parks
- Affordable single family housing
- Mixed use housing
- Young adult recreation—bowling and ice skating
- Cultural activities
- Tax burden related to services received
- Study the businesses that have left Redmond
- Parks and open space/trails and bike system
- Permit process—inclusive
- Code consideration
- No heavy industrial
- No strip clubs
- Tourism
- Partnerships—i.e. Chamber of Commerce
- Communications
- Diverse businesses
- Enviro-friendly businesses

Most important aspects chosen by group
- Study businesses that have left the area
- Environmentally friendly businesses
- Tax burden related to services received
- Young adult recreation
- No strip clubs
- Code consideration

Building community
- Affordable housing—what are the options and are we doing enough?
- Safety and security—a key element in getting out into the community--getting to know your neighbors
- MySpace equivalent = Redmond space; a virtual gathering place + Listserv
- Redmond Reporter to focus more on the people and neighborhoods
- Sense of belonging
- Available services
- Place where we recognize others
- Gathering places/opportunities and see that they are really used
- Festivals and events
- Block watch
- Good communications—various venues coming 'from' Redmond as well as many opportunities for citizens to provide input 'to' Redmond
- City to target all generational groups and demographics, it's important to not assume population is all 'family' based
- City to look for opportunities for cross-generational interaction
- See the community from trails, and the walking perspective, not just from cars

Most important aspects chosen by group
- Gathering places
- Opportunities to meet and engage with more people
- Good communications with various types coming to us
- Sense of belonging
- Recognize and celebrate across generations and cultures

Healthy natural environment
- Water quality and erosion control in streams
- TDM –it affects the environment
- Clean air, county or state
- Control run-off
- Visual "how I feel" about where we drive
- Building codes, height and stormwater
- City to be guided by mandated laws
- Green trees
- Know how much we are willing to pay for it
- Philosophy on what is important
- Plazas, meeting areas, public spaces and parks to be part of the community
- Minimum vs. aggressive
- Have choices
- Erosion control/protection
- Education on chemicals on lawns to protect groundwater
- Actions to save for future generations
- Partnerships with other government agencies
- Plan for more population –30-40 years
- Education programs for the public, ex: salmon runs
- City to be funded by fees
- Street trees to cleanse the air

Most important aspects chosen by group
- Partnerships with others
- Planning for green spaces, construction, future population growth
- Public spaces
- Education programs for the public
- Water quality and erosion control
- Transportation-TDM

Protection of assets
- Maintain assets, won't last otherwise
- Contribute to maintaining Redmond as an attractive location for people
- Adequate tree retention, too much impervious surface leads to stormwater surface problems
- Maintain assets as a good investment for the future
- Less dense growth, too much traffic—limit growth
- Jobs, future, improvements in parks, growth is positive
- Use of artificial turf, less maintenance, good investment
- Maintain technology—very important to use computers a lot for school
- City website for recreation activities and other information
- RCTV—it's valuable for Council meetings and other programs
- Attention given to maintenance needs associated with investments

Most important aspects chosen by group
- Maintaining assets is a good investment for the future
- Protection of assets contributes to maintaining Redmond as attractive location
- Growth is also positive: jobs, improvement in parks, facilities, etc.
- Maintaining technology important: schools, libraries, RCTV, City of Redmond Website